

Spokane Tribe Gambling Compact *Fact Sheet*

Under the proposed compact, the Spokane Tribe will be granted more facilities, more tables and higher wagers.

Specifically, the tribe may:

- Operate up to *five facilities* – more than any other tribe.
- Operate *4,700 machines*. In the first three years, the limit will be 1,500.
- Receive an automatic allocation of *900 machines*. Others only begin with 675.
- Operate up to *75 gaming tables* at one facility and up to 50 tables at other authorized facilities. Currently, tribes are limited to 50 tables.
- Offer *unlimited wagering* at five gaming tables at one facility during 120 days per year. Other tribes are currently limited to \$500 bets.
- Offer *wagers of up to \$20* on 15% of the machines at each facility. Currently, other tribes may offer up to \$5 wagers.

Procedure:

- The proposal was negotiated between gambling commission staff and the tribe.
- Legislators may comment on the proposal, but have no official authority to approve or disapprove the compact.
- The Gambling Commission will hold a public hearing on February 8th or 9th. If the commission votes to approve the compact, it is forwarded to the governor.
- The Spokane Tribal chairman approves and signs the compact.
- The governor approves and signs the compact.
- The secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior approves and signs the compact.
- *The tribe has indicated that it will immediately begin the procedure for seeking approval for off-reservation gambling at Airway Heights.*